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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Frank Eidam  
TITLE : LOCKING RING  
APPLICATION NO. : 10/699,902  
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EXAMINER : James R. Brittain  
ART UNIT : 3677  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action issued July 28, 2006 expired on October 28, 2006.

The requested extension and fee are as follows:

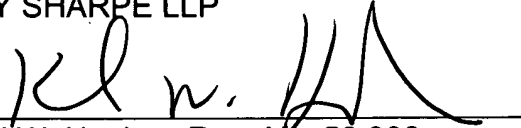
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<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120.00	\$60.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450.00	\$225.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1,020.00	\$510.00	\$1,020.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,590.00	\$795.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00	

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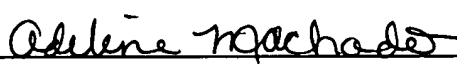
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